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FINANCE (AUDIT & FUND) DEPARTMENT

## NOTIFICATION

The 21st March, 2017

No. FM.47/2016/117.-

## **OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub : "BIDYA LAKSHMI" Loan for Higher Education of the children of regular State Government Employees in Assam under Uccha Siksha Hitoishona Achani (USHA) for Karmachari.**

In pursuance of the announcement made in the Budget Speech, 2016-17, Government of Assam has taken a decision to provide higher education loans for the children of State Government Employees of all categories. The Governor of Assam is pleased to formulate the following guidelines and procedures:

1. The State Government will provide a loan of Rs.5.00 lakh to Rs. 10.00 lakh at an interest rate of @ 4% .This was proposed in view of the financial hardship usually faced by State Government employees towards the cost of higher studies.
2. The State Government employees whose annual salary income exceeds Rs.4.5 lakh may avail education loan upto Rs.10.00 lakh at the effective rate of interest @ 4% after state Government interest subvention.
3. The proposed interest rate for employees with annual income upto Rs.4.50 lakh is eligible under Credit Linked subsidy Scheme (CLSS) where 100% CLSS subsidy will be provided by the Central Government guideline during moratorium period i.e. course period plus one year. After moratorium period with State Government interest subvention the effective rate of interest will be @ 4% for the employees under CLSS category.

4. The employees are free to take loan over and above Rs.10.00 lakh from the SBI. However, the interest subvention on the loan from the State Government alongwith other concession will be limited to Rs.10.00 lakh. The market rate of interest and other collateral securities as required by SBI will also be applicable for the amount of loan availed above Rs.10.00 lakh.
5. All State Government employees can avail education loan to study in India and abroad for professional technical courses like Engineering, Medical, Agriculture, Veterinary, Law, Dental, Management, Computer, ICWA, CA, CFA, MCA, MS, Graduation (in professional/ technical courses), Doctorate Programme (PhD Courses) and courses conducted by CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountant, London), CPA (Certified Public Accountant in USA).
6. The courses/educational institutions to be covered under education loan scheme are as follows-
  - (i) Courses conducted by Colleges/Universities approved by UGC/ Government/ AICTE in Assam.
  - (ii) Courses conducted by Colleges/universities approved by UGC/Government/ AICTE anywhere in India.
  - (iii) Courses conducted by premier institutions in Assam and anywhere in India.
7. Education loan can be availed to pay course fee, buy books, computers, educational equipments and so forth subject to re-imbursement capacity of students/parents and any other items necessary for completion of the course. In case of education loan for studies abroad, cost of travelling expenses is also included.
8. The education loan will be provided to parents i.e. State Govt. employees and the students jointly and the loan amount will be released directly to the educational institutions.
9. There will be no collateral security on 3<sup>rd</sup> party guarantee for loan upto Rs. 10.00 lakh. In addition, a measure of de-risking the students who are availing education loan will have to option to avail life insurance policy to cover the loan amount.
10. The education loan for State Govt. employees will provide tax rebate under section 80(E) of Indian Income Tax Act.
11. The regular State Govt. employees whose children have secured admission into the enlisted technical/ higher educational institutions can submit their application in prescribed format through their respective DDOs who draw their monthly salary bills. The employee shall have to furnish a written undertaking for deduction of EMIs from the monthly salary bills to the DDOs concerned alongwith the loan applications. Parents of the students will have to join as co-borrowers. The application form alongwith all required documents as per the checklist which is enclosed at **Annexure-A** will have to be submitted at the designated branches of SBI alongwith check off facility letter signed by the respective DDOs. Cost towards stamp duty wherever applicable will be borne by the employee.
12. Interest will be charged in the education loan account on monthly basis and the amount of interest subsidy provided by the government will be credited back to the individual account once the claims are cleared.

13. Audited certificate towards utilization of subsidy will be given to the Government on an early basis at the end of the Financial Year.
14. It has been proposed to de-risk the repayment to the bank, State Govt. will extend the check off facility to the bank. By virtue of the check off facility, the salaries are paid to the employees into the saving bank account of the bank and the bank will create the necessary standing instruction for recovery of monthly installment. Secondly, in case of default due to transfer, termination or any reason the amount will be recovered from the terminal benefits of the employee concerned. However, the terminal benefits will include any DCRG/All type of Gratuity and Leave Encashment under Rule 20 of the Assam Services pension Rules),1969.
15. Loans will be available from the designated bank branches of SBI in all Districts and Civil-Sub-Divisions.
16. SBI will provide Grievances Redressal Mechanism in their headquarter for quick settlement of any grievances from the students/parents applying for education loan under this scheme .A help desk alongwith toll free number will be installed at the SBI headquarter for any query in respect of Higher Education loan. The same will be displayed in all bank branches of SBI.

This issues with the concurrence of Judicial Department (LR) vide their U/O endorsement No.117/2017 dtd13/02/2017.

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